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2. Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
3. Form PTO-1449 (5 sheets citing 51 documents); and
4. 51 documents cited in Form PTO-1449.



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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Appl. No. 09/438,365; Filed: November 12, 1999
For: New Transfection Reagents
Inventors: Chu *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4650001/RWE/THN

Sir:

Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
2. Form PTO-1449 (5 sheets citing 51 documents);
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4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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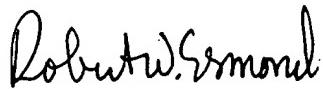
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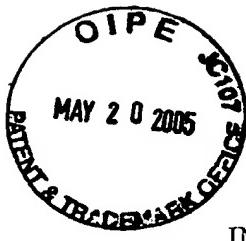
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Information Disclosure Statement

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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each of these documents is provided.

The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Nos. 08/450,555 filed May 25, 1995 and 09/039,780 filed March 16, 1998, which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to these applications now or upon issuance of present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submits the following concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document, Document No. AL1, cited on Form PTO-1449.

Document No. AL1, European Patent No. EP 0 394 111 B1, is in French. It is believed to disclose lipopolyamines, which are especially useful as vectors for the transfection of eukaryotic

cells, their salts, their preparation and their use. Document No. AE1, U.S. Patent No. 5,171,678, is believed to be an English language equivalent of Document No. A11.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will consider information that had been cited or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application relied on under 35 U.S.C. § 120. 1138 OG 37, 38 (May 19, 1992).

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date but before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this pleading is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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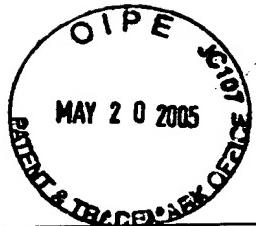


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	AA1	2,695,314	11/23/1954	Kosmin, M.	260	584	08/25/1951
	AB1	2,901,461	08/25/1959	Auerbach et al.	260	47	05/05/1955
	AC1	3,152,188	10/06/1964	Kirkpatrick, W.H.	260	584	11/15/1960
	AD1	4,897,355	01/30/1990	Eppstein et al.	435	240.2	10/29/1987
	AE1	5,171,678	12/15/1992	Behr et al.	435	172.3	04/17/1990
	AF1	5,208,036	05/04/1993	Eppstein et al.	424	450	11/16/1990
	AG1	5,279,833	01/18/1994	Rose, J.K.	424	450	04/04/1990
	AH1	5,283,185	02/01/1994	Epand et al.	435	172.3	08/28/1991
	AI1	5,334,761	08/02/1994	Gebeyehu et al.	564	197	08/28/1992
	AJ1	5,455,335	10/03/1995	Kahne et al.	536	5	04/08/1994
	AK1	5,459,127	10/17/1995	Felgner et al.	514	7	09/16/1993

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	AL1	EP 0 394 111 B1	06/04/1997	Europe			Yes No
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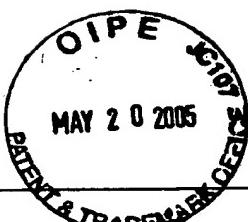
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AS	1	Behr, J.-P. et al., "Efficient gene transfer into mammalian primary endocrine cells with lipopolyamine-coated DNA," <i>Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA</i> 86:6982-6986 (September 1989).
AT	1	Felgner, P.L. et al., "Lipofection: A highly efficient, lipid-mediated DNA-transfection procedure," <i>Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA</i> 84:7413-7417 (November 1987).

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	AA2	5,545,412	08/13/1996	Eppstein et al.	424	450	04/03/1995
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	AC2	5,589,466	12/31/1996	Felgner et al.	514	44	01/26/1995
	AD2	5,667,774	09/16/1997	Figuly, G.D.	424	78.08	11/07/1996
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	AG2	5,705,385	01/06/1998	Bally et al.	435	320.1	06/07/1995
	AH2	5,719,131	02/17/1998	Harris et al.	514	44	10/20/1995
	AI2	5,736,392	04/07/1998	Hawley-Nelson et al.	435	320.1	06/04/1996
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	AS	2	Gao, X. and Huang, L., "A Novel Cationic Liposome Reagent for Efficient Transfection of Mammalian Cells," <i>Biochem. Biophys. Res. Comm.</i> 179:280-285 (August 1991).
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	AH3	5,840,710	11/24/1998	Lee et al.	514	44	10/20/1995
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AT	3	Mayhew, E. et al., "Characterization of Liposomes Prepared Using a Microemulsifier," <i>Biochim. Biophys. Acta</i> 775:169-174 (1984).

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AT	4	Szoka Jr., F. and Papahadjopoulos, D., "Procedure for preparation of liposomes with large internal aqueous space and high capture by reverse-phase evaporation," <i>Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA</i> 75:4194-4198 (1978).

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